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Fires Under Control

Portland, Oct. 26.—Fire fighters held the line today for the first time in the week on all fronts of the charred New England forests, where fires have already caused damage of over \$27,000,000.

The death roll remained at 20 as "Under Control" reports came from nearly all the regions of Maine, the hardest region with eight communities wholly or partially obliterated.

The latest Red Cross figures for Maine were 2,500 homeless, 833 permanent homes and 220 summer homes destroyed. National Guardsmen and police were patrolling the ruined townships and the Red Cross planned today to supply 15,000 meals to Maine's homeless and the fire-fighters.—Reuter.

MOVIE STARS PROTEST

Delegation Flies To Washington

Hollywood, Oct. 26.—Twenty-six movie-eyed movie stars, directors and press agents, led by Humphrey Bogart, left by plane for Washington today to protest the House Un-American Activities Committee's investigation of alleged Communists in Hollywood.

The chartered plane left Los Angeles Municipal Airport and will land at Kansas City, St Louis and Pittsburgh, reaching Washington at 8.20 p.m. EST. The group represents the Hollywood "Committee for the First Amendment."

A group statement said: "We are just Americans who believe in a constitutional, democratic government. We are protesting the nature of this hearing because individuals have a right to be free from political inquisition. And we resent any attempt by law or intimidation to censor movies as a medium of free expression."

Bogart said the idea for the trip was born two days ago over a cup of coffee with his wife Lauren Bacall, director John Huston and director William Wyler.

"Everyone wanted to go," he said, "but we had to limit it to 26 because of the size of the plane."

The girls were in mink and the men in overcoats when they took off. Dancer Gene Kelly had his injured foot in a new cast for the trip.

Bogart said they all met in a restaurant to discuss plans last night and nobody got more than two hours sleep.—United Press.

EDITORIAL

America's Responsibilities

ECONOMICALLY and financially, the United States has become the dictator of the world. Not with malice aforethought, nor perhaps, entirely of her own free will. Circumstances, rather than machinations have placed America in this inviolable and embarrassing position. But it is the effect, rather than the cause which exercises the minds of the rest of the world today, and produces a variety of reactions. Soviet Russia sees America's economic dominance as the single greatest weapon left in the hands of Imperialistic Capitalism, and in consequence the only genuine threat to her system of State Capitalism; Britain sees in it an obstacle to her own essential industrial and trade recovery; most of Europe regards it as a heaven-sent opportunity to regain solvency on a charity basis; China, and in a different way, Japan, also eye the United States as a paternal grandfather who will see that they get enough to be able to live well without having to work very hard for the privilege. In fact, the only subject on which the world remains unanimous at the present time is the fabulous prosperity of the United States. Not even Mr. Vyshinsky would veto that position. Unfortunately, as America is fast discovering, with wealth and power goes responsibility. It is a responsibility that extends to her own people as much as the peoples of bankrupt Europe and the Pacific, because, unless the only creditor remaining in the world of international finance and economics today can find customers, she herself will be threatened with misery. It is recognition of this that gives potency to President Truman's latest declaration to his people. He sums up the situation when he says: A Congressional attack on high prices at home and hunger and cold abroad is necessary unless the United States is

23 Bodies Recovered From Train Wreck

Berwick on Tweed, England, Oct. 26.—The recovery of many bodies after steam cranes had removed the debris brought the death roll of the crash involving an express from Edinburgh to London at Goswick a few miles south of here today to 23.

This was Britain's second rail crash in three days. The number of injured ranged from 40 to 60, according to various reports.

An earlier report said that the express involved was the "Flying Scotsman," but a railway official stated that the information was unfounded.

The official said that the engine and 11 coaches were derailed blocking both lines.

Early reports said that three coaches were thrown into a field below the embankment.

The injured were rushed to a nearby golfclub house set up as an emergency first aid centre, and ambulances, aided by lorries and private cars, moved the injured on to the Berwick Infirmary.

The Infirmary was so busy that when a reporter put in a telephone call he was answered by one of the crash victims who said that the hospital was fully occupied coping with emergency cases.

Troops from neighbouring barracks joined with the ambulance workers and firemen who had rushed to the rescue of the passengers trapped in the overturned coaches of the derailed train.

The engine driver was among the injured.

Rescuers were recovering the bodies of the victims by the light of flares, a police officer stated.

Last Friday, 31 people were killed and 60 injured at South Croydon near London, when a train full of city workers ran into the back of another train in a fog.—Reuter.

REPORT OF PLANNED COUP BY KOREAN RED ARMY

Lake Success, Oct. 26.—Several delegations have urged the United States to strengthen its proposal regarding Korea to provide for stronger United Nations supervision of the Korean elections and the withdrawal of troops. These delegations, including some Latin-Americans, are understood to believe the American resolution does not give the United Nations a strong enough hand in ensuring that a Korean government will be set up without Communist interference. Their concern is said to be based on reports from Seoul, and confirmed by American sources, that the Korean Communist army actually has plans to march into South Korea and take over once the American troops have withdrawn.

However, it is understood, that the United States' answer to these representations is that under the United Nations Charter the General Assembly has the right of recommendation and observation, but not of direct control or supervision and, therefore, cannot delegate any rights to the United Nations Korean commission that it does not itself possess.

The United States' hope is that despite its limited powers of observation, the Korean commission would, with its presence in the country, constitute a deterrent to Communist designs.

NOT SURPRISED

Saint Paul, Oct. 26.—A highly placed military authority said today the United States army was not surprised by the disclosure of Yoon Chang that the Soviet-trained North Korean army has drawn up a final plan to take over all Korea.

He said he regards the information as "merely corroborative evidence of other facts we have known some time."

He added that Yoon's report coincided closely with intelligence from other sources particularly with the "Communist master plan for Korea" which was uncovered here as early as September, 1946.

Meanwhile it was disclosed that Yoon was in the U.S. Army custody but the source declined to reveal what action would be taken. He said Yoon's youthfulness will not be a weakening factor since he had been trained in three different schools by the Russians since December, 1945.

The military spokesman pointed out, however, that the highest North Korean officialdom consisted of "Sovietised Koreans" the majority of whom have been indoctrinated since 1933 when the Soviets forcibly removed Koreans from the maritime provinces to Kazakhstan.

NEW POLICY INDICATED

Political observers here said the most surprising of Yoon's disclosures was not the army plan but an apparent new Soviet policy of abandoning the Korean nationalism line for eventual incorporation in the Soviet Union.

Yoon quoted Pak Il-yoon as saying, "The Korean problem at the present moment is a conflict between democracy and capitalism and not just a Korean national problem. I have no sympathy for Korean reactionaries, for the sake of humanity or because of cheap nationalism."

The same observers interpreted this as a clearcut call to Koreans to make a decision whether they will side with Russia or the United States, but were of the opinion that such policy might seriously weaken the Soviet regime in North Korea in view of the fact that "Korean enthusiasm is 99 per cent racial and one per cent political."

Koreans do not want to become a satellite of either Russia or the United States.—United Press.

De Gaulle v Communists French Elections

INCIDENTS FOLLOW VOTING

Paris, Oct. 26.—Voters went to the polls in some 16,000 of the 38,000 French communes today in the second and last round of the municipal elections.

As in last week's elections, when General de Gaulle's "Rally of the French People" and the Communists emerged as the two leading political forces, the vote today was largely on the Communist issue.

Last Sunday, General de Gaulle's "Rally" polled about 40 per cent of the votes, while the Communists lost roughly 15 per cent of the votes they received in the 1946 general election.

Although the Communists doubled their campaign efforts during the past week in an attempt to swing the small town vote away from General de Gaulle, most observers expected their defeat last Sunday to be confirmed by further losses today. The elections appear to have passed off quietly, the only reports of "incidents" coming from Choisy Le Roi and Orly, near Paris, where Communist demonstrators and police clashed after the newly-elected Socialist mayors of the two towns had been manhandled.

The police made several arrests. At Orly, a crowd of about 200 Communists gathered outside the town hall two hours before the election of M. Flamant, (Socialist) by 22 votes, preventing the suffrages of all the Indian and MRP municipal councillors of Lyons, in the second Sunday of balloting.—Reuter.

TELEPHONE CALL TRICK

Immediately after his election as Mayor of Choisy Le Roi, M. Lauterme, also a Socialist, was called to the telephone in an empty office of the town hall.

Here he was seized by a group of men said to be Communists and hustled roughly outside, where he was struck and slapped by the demonstrators.

M. David, another Socialist municipal councillor, who attempted to interfere, was also manhandled.

The police charged the crowd and extricated the two men.

Truckloads of Communist demonstrators, who had been touring the town demanding the retirement of the newly-elected Mayor, were dispersed by the police following the incident.

Early reports from the provinces indicated that the fine weather throughout most of the country had brought a higher percentage of voters to today's second ballot, held in the smaller communes only, than in last Sunday's elections.

The continued Socialist refusal to heed the Communist appeals for "working class solidarity" has tended to reinforce predictions that today's results will confirm the Communist defeat in the elections.

In many places, the Socialists were today said to have voted for General Charles de Gaulle's candidates.

In return, the Rally candidates were reliably reported to be prepared to support the Socialists for Mayoralty in some cases.

According to reliable reports, the Communists have spent a lot of money in the electoral campaign and Communist leaders such as M. Maurice Thorez have been touring small towns, appealing to the voters to "stop De Gaulle and American reaction."

The conference, which has been described as the "Parliament of Asian Labour," is expected to last a fortnight, during which time over 200 delegates, advisers and observers from 12 Asian countries will discuss the best means of substituting reforms in response to the needs and aspirations of the continent's working classes.

An effort will be made to determine, at least in part, the International Labour Organisation's planning to meet Asian labour and social problems.

Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, Indian Premier, will welcome the delegations on behalf of the Indian Government and people.—Reuter.

Irgun's Threat To Hagannah

Jerusalem, Oct. 26.—After a day of sporadic clashes between pamphlet squads of the Jewish terrorist organisation—Irgun Zvai Leumi, and the Jewish illegal defence force Hagannah, the Irgun tonight accused David Ben Gurion, Chairman of the Jewish Agency Executive, of trying to precipitate civil war between Jews.

Accusing Ben Gurion of launching a civil war in a strong-arm struggle against their 6,000 member army, the Irgun said: "We do not want to quarrel with the Hagannah, but if Ben Gurion persists, we will start a fratricidal struggle."

The Irgun said that they had been forced to exchange shots with the Hagannah in self defence, and would retaliate for every Hagannah attack.—Reuter.

POLICEMAN SHOT

Jerusalem, Oct. 26.—The body of a Jewish policeman—shot through the chest—was found on Saturday night on the highway north of Gaza, the authorities announced today.—Associated Press.

Ship Murder: Man Charged

Southampton, Oct. 26.—A deck steward on the liner Durban Castle was arrested today and charged with the murder, on the high seas, of Gay Gibson, beautiful young British actress who disappeared while returning to England from a starring role in South Africa.

The police said James Camp, 30, of Glasgow would be arraigned in the magistrate's court tomorrow. The titan-hatted actress—known as Gay, although her name was Eileen—was last seen the night of October 18 while the ship was somewhere between Monrovia in Liberia and Cape Verde near Dakar.

The authorities in Liberia, Sierra Leone and French Senegal and ship masters and aircraft pilots have been asked by Scotland Yard to report any sign of a body they may have seen off the West African coast.—United Press.

Hideous War Crimes Revealed

London, Oct. 26.—The poison with which the Gestapo chief, Heinrich Himmler, and Luftwaffe chief, Herman Goering, committed suicide was first tried out on Nazi prisoners at the Sachsenhausen concentration camp, according to evidence given before a Soviet military tribunal in Berlin, the Moscow Radio reported.

Quoting Tass despatches during the second and third days of the trial, which opened on Thursday, Moscow reported that August Hohn, former second chief of the camp, and one of the sixteen accused, admitted that he had made the test.

Hohn explained in detail that the new poison was colourless, and when mixed with water gave no reaction,

The former camp doctor, Heinz Bauketter, another of the accused charged with complicity in the deaths of 100,000 Allied and German prisoners, gave evidence that on instructions from Himmler, prisoners were forced to bite capsules of potassium cyanide to determine the painfulness and bitterness of death.

SLOWLY THROTTLED

He said that Himmler wanted to know "how one could end one's life with the least pain, so as to escape responsibility."

Kurt Eicke, former chief warden, admitted having hanged "about 600 persons" in specially constructed machines designed to throttle them slowly.

He also admitted that he put two British officers in hand fetters, chained to a floor, for periods of six and nine months respectively, during 1939-1940.

Confessing that he personally carried out tortures invented by Bauketter and himself, Eicke said that he had beaten prisoners with sticks, and then scrubbed their wounds with a hard brush.—Reuter.

Maniu Trial Soon

Bucharest, Oct. 26.—The trial of Sir Julius Maniu, 74-year-old leader of the banned Romanian National Peasant Party, and his associates, which had been postponed twice this month, will take place in a few days, the Communist newspaper, Romania Libera, stated today.

The paper said that the charges will include conspiracy, high treason and civil and military rebellion.

Another expected charge is that of asking for "foreign diplomatic and economic intervention."—Reuter.

Jeffrey Hamm Thanks God He Is Fascist And Not A Democrat

(Trotzkists) attempted to open a meeting near the spot "reserved by supporters of the League."

Early on Saturday evening, representatives of each group arrived at Ridley Road, Dalston, to "stake their claim."

They came armed with blankets, flasks and sandwiches for an all-night wait.

Later the revolutionary Communist Party established a platform in a nearby road.

Hamm said that Sir Oswald Mosley, the former leader of the British Union of Fascists, would soon address public meetings in London. He made this statement in answer to a question after his declaration of

"Thank God I am a Fascist—thank God I am not a democrat."

One of the places Hamm said that

Sir Oswald Mosley would speak was the scene of the clash between rival political parties tonight, when Tom Tiley, organiser of the Trotzkists, was among those arrested.

Sir Oswald Mosley told Reuter by telephone tonight that he knew nothing of Hamm's statement.

When asked if he meant to return to politics, he replied: "I am a publisher and simply spread my ideas as far as possible to state and spread my ideas expressed in my recent book, 'The Alternative.'

"In the event of any great crisis, I will do anything essential for my country England"—Reuter.

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WITCH-HUNT IN HOLLYWOOD

If all American films disappear overnight from British cinemas you will not have to blame Mr Hugh Dalton:

It will be because the American Government has taken action to save you from subtle Communist propaganda.

You see, it has been discovered — somewhat belatedly and unexpectedly — that Hollywood is just a suburb of Moscow and all these years it has been turning out wicked Communist propaganda pictures.

The deep, dark secret has been unearthed by that modern Sherlock Holmes, John Elliot Rankin, the belligerent, white-haired, loud-voiced Congress representative from Mississippi who in 1941 was demanding that Britain should negotiate peace with Hitler.

It was the same Mr Rankin who in June that year told Congress:

All Wall Street and a little group of our international Jewish brethren are trying to plunge us into the European war unprepared."

His big chance

NOW that Congress has adjourned until January, Mr Rankin, who has never shunned the limelight, has a real chance of having the whole battery turned on him by conducting a full-scale Hollywood witch-hunt.

His notorious Un-American Activities Committee is working overtime probing the American film industry, which, he claims, is a hotbed of Communism.

The Committee doesn't have anything to do with checking espionage. That is looked after by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the counter-intelligence agents. Its self-imposed task is to prevent the Communists seizing control of the United States.

For all we know there may be Stalin-inspired scenes in "The Egg and I" and "Duel in the Sun."

In view of the doubt it seems a logical step to withdraw all American films until they can be censored by Mr Rankin and his friends.



Chaplin: One of the "suspects."

His Committee once listed Shirley Temple as a Communist supporter — she was in short dresses at the time — and now it was to investigate Charlie Chaplin and a whole string of script writers, actors and producers. It says that for years they have been employing subtle techniques in "glorifying the Communist system and degrading the American."

Even writers and producers earning between £100 and £1,000 a week are said to have prevented the production of "good American films which sought to glorify America" and to have contributed £600 a week "for years" to the Communist funds.

It is a very sad story.

And what makes it so painful is that Mr Rankin never even saw through the deep red plot when he went to the cinema.

Shocked Congress

HIS eyes were opened only as the result of "information received" from undisclosed sources when he wanted more money for his Committee. And although Congress was chipping pennies off vital national projects it was so shocked that it gave Mr Rankin another £12,000 for his probe.

For years the Committee's activities have been under constant fire from quarters who have no love for Communists either. It has been called usin and prejudiced. It has been accused of persecution and vilification and lacking in impartiality and wisdom.

There have been attempts to have it abolished because it has done more to make Americans look ridiculous in the eyes of the world than any other body in the States.

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BRITAIN WILL BE SHORT OF YEAR'S COAL TARGET

. . . by TOM WILLIAMS

The shortage, accompanied by unusually cold weather, might bring on another late winter fuel crisis, despite great improvement in the distribution of existing coal stocks.

In setting its 1947 target, the government said that was the minimum amount that would protect the nation against recurrence of last winter's breakdown, when millions suffered in unheated homes and a large part of industry was thrown into idleness.

Summing up the situation, a government spokesman said: "On the lighter side, is the stocking position; it's much better than last year."

Following the pattern of previous years, the fuel stockpiles will have dwindled to almost rockbottom by next March, when there will be danger of the nation reverting to the mine-to-furnace basis of last winter's crisis.

Foreseeing the danger of another breakdown, Minister of National Insurance James Griffiths has warned domestic and non-industrial consumers that they must bear the brunt of future fuel economies.

But, bigger cuts in fuel supplies to home owners are "practically certain," said Sir Guy Nott-Bower, Deputy Secretary of the Ministry of Fuel and Power.

"The facts are stark and staring," he declared. "The domestic consumer has got to help much more than he did last year. It is perfectly obvious that unless co-operation between industry and domestic consumers takes place, we are going to be in for another very bad winter." — Associated Press.

Scrap conscription!

By Lieut.-general
Sir Giffard Martel

training establishments which take a fairly large proportion of our Regulars as instructors. In addition the men on foreign service have to be changed constantly because of this short service and the expense of transport of drafts is greatly increased.

This conscription in peace time is inefficient, expensive and costly in manpower. I suggest we should scrap it altogether in favour of a Regular Army composed entirely of long-service men serving for say 30 years with the colours. By giving high rates of pay to attract first-class men, we could raise a splendid army on these lines. The spirit of adventure is still alive and large numbers of men would volunteer if they were offered an interesting and exciting career for life with a pension at the end of it and quarters which we would build for their families.

ATOM WAR

ONE objection to this proposal is

that we would be unable to build up any reserve.

But why do we want this reserve? In the past, it

has been needed to enable us to produce a large army for use in a great

war. But if we have another great

war it will be fought with rockets and atom bombs. Highly trained technicians will be needed, not a manpower army.

We will still, of course, need a fairly large and highly trained army to carry out police duties all over the world. Russian infiltration tactics have made it more than ever necessary for us to have first-class troops for counter-infiltration. But no reserve is needed for this. They should all be long-service men, because they must be ready to be used at any moment. There is, therefore, no point in handicapping ourselves with a short service in which the only advantage lies in building up a reserve.

MONEY SAVED

USE of highly-trained troops would bring a big saving. If an officer is offered the choice of five long-service regulars or 10 short-service men to carry out a task he would certainly choose the former. Hence fewer men would be needed for these police duties if we had long-service and highly trained regulars.

When the cost of training one man for 30 years is compared with the cost of training 30 men per year, the argument is overwhelming.

By increasing efficiency in these ways we might well be able to make cuts in finance and manpower, and yet carry out our full commitments.

AMERICAN COMMENTARY
by ARTHUR WEBB

It still cannot distinguish a Liberal from a Communist. Almost every organisation that has fought for liberty at home and abroad has been denounced. Even humane Americans who once contributed a few dollars to provide food for Franco's victims have been pilloried as "fellow-travellers."

Certainly it is a little hard to find out exactly what the humourless men of this Committee are trying to accomplish beyond getting a lot of cheap publicity for themselves.

They do not stop Communists becoming Communists. Nor can they prevent Communists from airing their views or from working in underground movements.

A committee of fair-minded men with judicial qualifications might have obtained a clear idea of the Communist line-up in the United States.

But a string of wild charges based on unsubstantiated statements by irresponsible persons has deprived this Committee of the respect of all sober-minded Americans.

Witnesses called before the Committee often complain that they find their judges acting as prosecuting counsel. They have been browbeaten and vilified by members of the Committee which not infrequently issues "smeary" reports which receive widespread circulation.

If the Committee continues to function Americans of the next generation may find themselves in concentration camps merely on the suspicion that they are " harbouring dangerous thoughts."

A lot of Americans are already wondering if it will become a criminal offence to question the infallibility of Mr Rankin.

POCKET CARTOON



"It's just in the experimental stage—for checking up on my girl friend the nights I don't see her!"

BY THE WAY
by Beachcomber

IS it the Loch Ness Monster? For the past few days cup-shaped objects have been observed in the sky in the neighbourhood of Swindon. Villagers of Sopping Overcote say that three of them passed overhead at terrific speed.

"They looked like big breakfast cups," said Mrs Borbie, the baker's wife. "But whatever they were they had handles." The Vicar of Bottlesbury saw what he described as a coffee-cup whizz by while he was taking readings from his sundial in the vicarage garden. "As it passed," he said, "I could see that it was blue, and the exact shape of a cup."

Strabismus on the flying cups

DR STRABISMUS (Whom God Preserves) of Utrecht, when asked his opinion of these flying cups, said: "It would no doubt be possible to fit cups with engines and launch them into the air with remote control. But the claim of Mr Snadole to have seen a cup and saucer, with a spoon in the latter, skimming over hedges, is another matter. Whole breakfast sets might be seen by wishful thinkers."

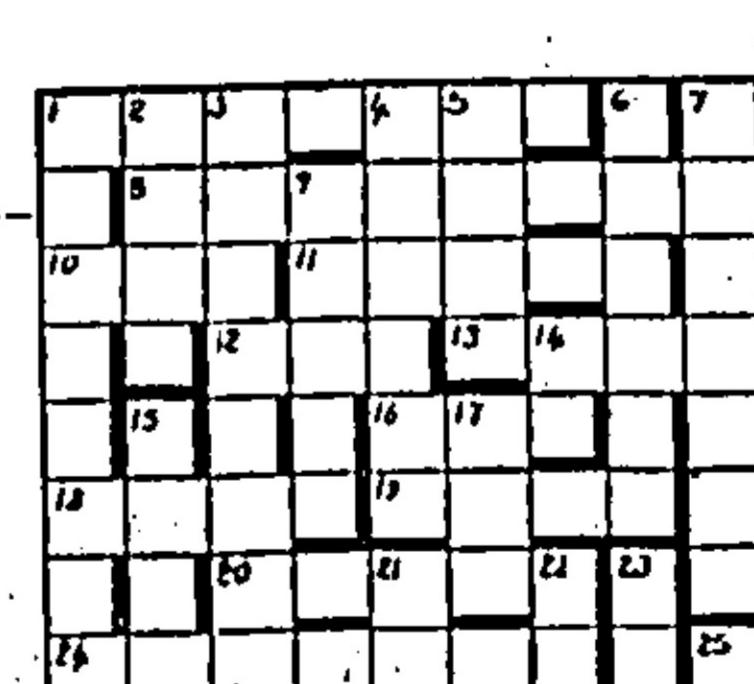
Tibetan Moonflower (VII.)

DINGI-POOS cared about as much for the British waterproof typewriter covers, which Egitham succeeded in mentioning at the eighth interview, as she cared for the snows of rocking-horses. In fact, she said irritably: "Didn't your Government tell you that we don't use typewriters?" "Then what are we here for?" cried the exasperated Mr D. J. Mince. Dingi-Poos tilted her head sideways and regarded him with a languid amusement. "That's not for me to say," she answered with mock schoolgirl modesty. "Even if we wanted the covers," she continued, "you wouldn't want the beans. They're inedible. We use them as fuel." "Couldn't we use them as fuel?" asked Egitham. "This," said Dingi-Poos, picking "a speck" of dust off his ear, "is a food conference, not a fuel conference." She spoke so softly that Egitham leaned involuntarily towards her. "Tch, tch, tch," went Mr Mince.

For a musical comedy

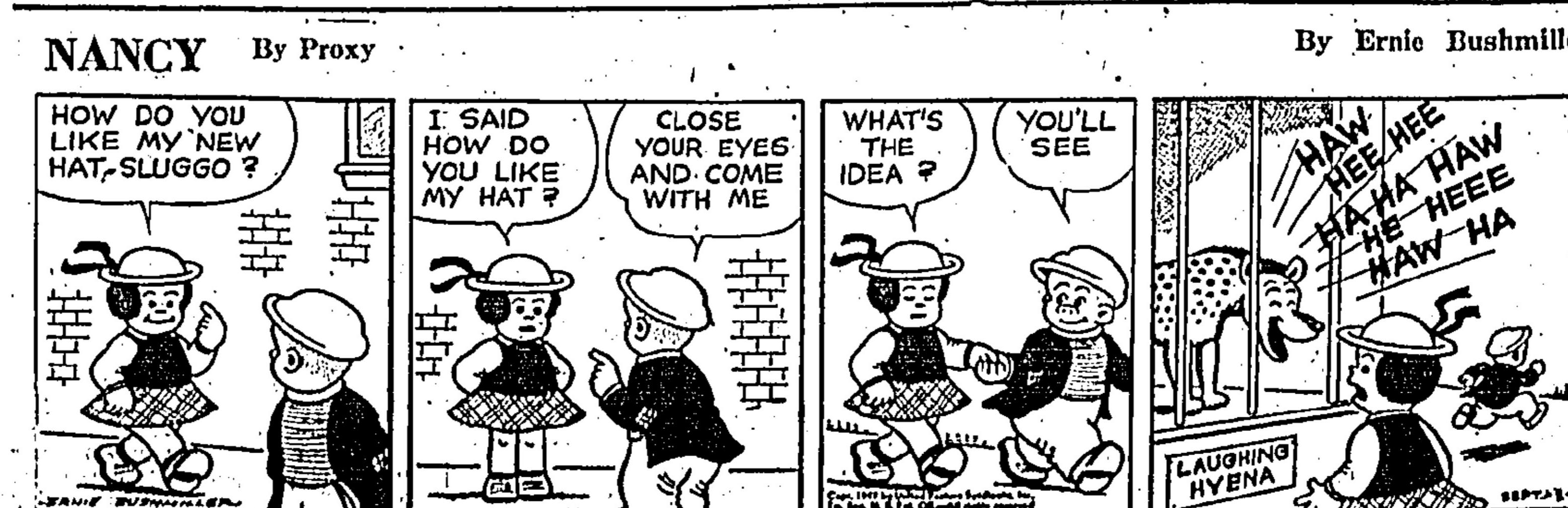
They said it was a rose,
But it was you.
I thought it was a cabbage
A-gleam with summer dew,
I said, "Is it a carrot?
In its fragrant bower?
An onion? An endive?
A full-blown cauliflower?"
Oh, every wind that blows
Told me it was true;
They said it was a rose,
Burd it wizze, ye-e-ew.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



- 13. This way is permanent. (6)
- 14. A broken boat. (4)
- 15. See 4 Down.
- 16. This is broken by loss of a large number. (6)
- 24. I'd speak (anag.). (7)
- 25. See 1 Down.
- 27. Emit in return. (4)
- 28. Down.
- 1- and 20 Across. Let's hope we get them both when the Big Four meet again. (6, 6)
- 2. Not to. 10 Across. A, merciful. (5)
- 4. Not to. 10 Across. A, duck and what you got from it. (5-4)
- 5. Close at hand. (4)
- 7. Make known. (4)
- 9. Discourage. (5)
- 14. The Christian era. (2)
- 15. Eruption. (3)
- 17. Remaining part of the alphabet. (3)
- 21. Cereal. (3)
- 22. This car has three wheels. (3)
- 23. End (3)
- 25. Let us begin the week like this. (2)

By Ernie Bushmiller



Getting Old Too

Fast At 37

New York, Oct. 26.—Hector McNeil, British Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs and United Nations delegate—aged 37—is getting old, he said in New York.

"I am getting old too fast," he told the New York Post. "I am getting all out of condition. I am not playing games. That is why I am getting too fat."

He was summing up for the newspaper's benefit his aims and interests in life. —Associated Press.

FOOD OFFER TO OLYMPIC ATHLETES

London, Oct. 26.—The Sunday Pictorial revealed today that a group of wealthy American businessmen has offered to buy food for athletes who will represent food-short nations in the 1948 Olympic games.

The Americans proposed raising "anything up to £50,000," the newspaper said.

A few weeks ago an American representative, Colonel Theodore Deglin, had interviews with prominent members of the Olympic Committee, and while nothing has been definitely settled, the negotiations are very much afoot.

Authoritative comment on the report was not immediately available. Other than Deglin, the Americans involved were not named. The Pictorial said they had agreed that "no one gets any publicity out of the scheme."

Said the paper: "Extra rations a month or more before the games would make all the difference to British and European athletes, and would make the competition much more acute."

Lord Burghley, chairman of the Olympic Organising Committee writing in the Sunday Times, scorned suggestions that Britain is too poor to sponsor the games.

"I have seen in the press one or two faint-hearted persons suggesting that we should not hold the games because we cannot give our visitors the sort of hospitality that we would have accorded them before the war," he wrote. "Our visitors will not come here looking for points to criticise."

Burghley said that the Olympiad will be "a real hope and proof that the world need not despair, for in this field of human intercourse and endeavour, at any rate, there is a real basis of understanding common to the mass of ordinary people in the world."

DYNAMOS IN STOCKHOLM

Stockholm, Oct. 26.—Rounding off a great display of fast, clever-foot ball with three goals in three minutes, all scored within the last nine minutes, the Moscow Dynamos beat Norrkoping Comrades by five goals to one today.

The Dynamos, with speedy forward movements, panned the Norrkoping team in their own half for long periods, but wasted chances through weak shooting which prevented heavy scoring.

After the inside left, Erli Hormovist, had opened the scoring from a breakaway in the 18th minute, the Dynamo defence was impregnable.

The Russians led by two goals to one at half-time, inside-left Beskov, equalising in the 20th minute and centre-forward S. Solovjov netting in the last few seconds before the interval.

More chance were lost by the Dynamos through erratic shooting until they swarmed round the goal in the closing minutes, and Beskov, Karteev and Solovjov scored at minute intervals.—Reuter.

BRITISH CHESS TITLE

London, Oct. 26.—Colombes won the British chess championship today by defeating R. J. Broadbent here today.

In a match of six games he won three and a half of the first five games.—Reuter.

LONGCHAMPS RACING

Paris, Oct. 26.—Mrs William Head's Blue Butterfly won the £1,000 Prix Gladiateur over three miles seven furlongs—claimed to be the longest horse race in the world—at Longchamps today.

Blue Butterfly, a seven-year-old carrying nine stone six pounds and ridden by F. Rochetti, beat Villaroche, a six-year-old, by three lengths.

M. Boussac's four-year-old Goyama won the £4,000 Prix Du Conseil Municipal over one and a half miles. Goyama, carrying nine stone six pounds and ridden by Roger Poincet, beat its stable companion, M. Boussac's Djax, by a neck.—Reuter.

BIG STAKES WINNER

New York, Oct. 26.—Mrs Ethel Jacob's Styline won the \$75,000 Gallant Fox Handicap yesterday to replace Armed as the world's leading stakes winner with \$810,600.—Reuter.

MERRY QUIP WITHDRAWS

London, Oct. 26.—Mr James Rank's Merry Quip will not run in the Cambridgeshire at Newmarket on Wednesday.

It was announced 10 days ago that the colt could be considered a doubtful runner unless there was rain.—Reuter.

Polish Peasant Party Leader Flees As Left Wing Takes Over

Warsaw, Oct. 26.—The Left Wing faction of Stanislaw Mikolajczyk's Polish Peasant Party seized control of Party Headquarters and the Party newspaper today after reporting the disappearance of the last opposition leader earlier this week.

Progress In New Ruhr Coal Plan

Berlin, Oct. 26.—The German Ruhr coal mining administration, planned at the Anglo-German coal talks in Washington last month, will be set up early in November. Neue Zeitung, the press organ of the United States occupation authorities, said today.

The British-American control group to which the German body will be responsible, will be formed at the same time, Neue Zeitung said.

France and members of the Benelux Union have protested against the transfer of allegedly exclusively responsibility to Germans and the inadequate safeguards for foreign property under the control plan.

The British and United States Military Governments were preparing replies to the points raised, the Neue Zeitung said, which would make it clear that the German Commission would be under constant supervision of the British and United States Military Governments. The replies would enumerate adequate measures to safeguard foreign interests as asked by the control authorities.

German Director

When the Commission is formally established, it is expected that Dr Wilhelm Roelen, former director of the Thyssen plants in the Ruhr, will be officially named director of the organisation.

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While Warsaw buzzed with rumours that Mikolajczyk, his secretary, and two other Party leaders and their wives were already in England, Switzerland or Denmark, the Party paper, Gazeta Ludowa, appeared on the streets just before noon with a three-column story announcing Mikolajczyk's flight.

A member of the Party's centre bloc disclosed that pro-Government members from the Party's Leftist faction had prevented regular publication, seized control of the paper and remade the Sunday front page.

Informed observers believe the Peasant Party leader left the country with the knowledge of the Government.

Under Fire

Mikolajczyk has been under increasing fire, from dissident elements in his own Party as well as from the Socialists and Communists. It is believed the Government felt foreign reaction would be too strong to warrant risking his arrest, added to the fact that he could be more easily discredited among his followers if he were self-exiled rather than martyred.

Mikolajczyk's housekeeper reported that he left on Monday by train to visit his mother in Poznan and that she had expected him back tomorrow.

To-day his Party headquarters was jammed with a milling mob of members shouting questions to which no answers were available. The Party newspaper offices were abandoned, with only a doorman left.

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